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Chair Kay Granger
Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro
House Committee on Appropriations
US House of Representatives
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Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$4,000,000 to the City of Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department for the Public Safety Camera program in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Indianapolis, located at 200 East Washington Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

The funding would be used by the City of Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) to modernize the Public Safety Camera program, which includes expanding to a true Real-Time Crime Center (RTTC) operation as seen in most other major metropolitan areas. Key components include upgrading the technology infrastructure that manages all feeds from fixed video cameras, mobile trailer video cameras, automated license plate readers, and community funded B-Link camera integrations.

Indianapolis has faced unprecedented levels of gun violence over the last ten years. The opportunity for federal funding would greatly assist in ensuring that communities in Indianapolis impacted most by crime have the resources needed to combat crime. If awarded, this funding will allow for our city to move from the current "reactive" Incident Analysis Center (IAC) model into a near 24/7 "crime prevention-oriented operation". Most of the existing camera technology infrastructure and equipment in the IAC has not been upgraded since Indianapolis hosted the Superbowl in 2012. This equipment will serve as the nerve center for all of the newly upgraded public safety cameras deployed throughout Indianapolis. Upgrading this technology is essential to ensuring the new RTTC capabilities of the IAC are successful in reducing crime. The City of Indianapolis has already allocated funding in the FY23 budget to fund professional staff an analyst supervisor and seven analysts for this program.

The initiative is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will allow the City of Indianapolis to support law enforcement efforts to respond to and reduce crime around the city, benefitting taxpayers, law enforcement, and community members in a manner consistent with the COPS program authorized by Congress.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized and aligned with activities under the purposes of section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



André Carson
Member of Congress